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SUBJECT: SUGGESTED MESSAGE FOR FONMIN BLANCO

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FOLLOWING IS SUGGESTED TEXT OF MESSAGE TO FONMIN BLANCO
FROM ASST SEC ROGERS FOR YOUR COMMENTS AND SUGGESTED
CHANGES IF ANY.

1. BEGIN TEXT: DEAR MR. MINISTER: I WISH TO TAKE THIS
OPPORTUNITY TO ATTEMPT TO DISPEL ANY MISUNDERSTANDING
THAT MAY HAVE ARISEN AS A RESULT OF THE SUPPORT OUR DELEGA-
TION GAVE TO THE FREEDOM OF ACTION RESOLUTION APPROVED BY
THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES IN SAN JOSE LAST MONTH.

2. OUR ACTION WAS PROMPTED BY THE DESIRE TO ELIMINATE WHAT
HAD BECOME A DIVISIVE ISSUE IN HEMISPHERIC AFFAIRS, AND
THEREBY TO STRENGTHEN THE INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM BY PERMIT-
TING EACH MEMBER STATE TO DECIDE FOR ITSELF WHETHER OR NOT
TO CONDUCT TRADE AND DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH CUBA.

3. I FULLY UNDERSTAND YOUR CONCERN REGARDING CUBA AND
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YOUR GOVERNMENT'S POSITION THAT THE MEMBER STATES CAN

PROPERLY DEMAND CLEAR AND PRECISE OBJECTIVE PROOF THAT THE CUBAN GOVERNMENT HAS ABANDONED ITS POLICY OF INTERVENTION IN LATIN AMERICA, PARTICULARLY IN URUGUAY; AND THAT THERE

MUST BE MEANINGFUL ASSURANCES THAT THE PRINCIPLE OF NON-INTERVENTION WILL BE RESPECTED IN THE FUTURE.

4. I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT NOTHING IN OUR RECENT ACTIONS SHOULD BE INTERPRETED TO MEAN THAT WE DO NOT REMAIN DEEPLY CONCERNED THAT CUBA ADHERE TO THE PRINCIPLE OF NON-INTERVENTION IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF OTHER NATIONS. WE WERE RECENTLY THE OBJECT OF ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF CUBA'S MEDDLING, IN THE CASE OF THE CUBAN RESOLUTION ON PUERTO RICO IN THE UNITED NATIONS' COMMITTEE OF 24, INDICATING THAT CUBA HAS NOT WHOLLY ABANDONED ITS INTERVENTIONIST POLICY.

5. I WANT TO ASSURE YOU THAT WE HAVE NO INTENTION OF DEPARTING IN ANY WAY FROM OUR POLICY OF SUPPORTING THE PRINCIPLE OF NON-INTERVENTION. WE, ALONG WITH THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE RIO TREATY, EXPLICITLY REAFFIRMED OUR COMMITMENT TO THIS PRINCIPLE BY APPROVING THE PROTOCOL OF AMENDMENT TO THE RIO TREATY LAST MONTH.

6. I PERSONALLY PLACE GREAT VALUE ON THE FRANK EXCHANGES OF VIEWS BETWEEN REPRESENTATIVES OF OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS, AND I LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING THIS USEFUL AND CONSTRUCTIVE RELATIONSHIP IN THE FUTURE.

6. WITH BEST PERSONAL WISHES, SINCERELY, WILLIAM D. ROGERS
END TEXT. INGERSOLL

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